

State Agency Residential Care Strike Force

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Background

Formed at the request of the Governor and led by:

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Includes five priority areas:

1. Monitoring & Testing for Disease Presence
2. Personal Protective Equipment
3. Cohorting & Facility Isolation
4. Enforcement & Education
5. Staffing

Impact of COVID-19 in Residential Care Settings

Older Adults and People with Disabilities
living in high-density group living settings in Colorado

52% of COVID-19 related deaths

63% of COVID-19 related confirmed
AND probable deaths

2/3 of outbreaks are in
these residential settings

Strategy	Key Action Updates
Testing for Disease Presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance testing being deployed into apx. 141 largest facilities over next 8 weeks to test all staff and residents and then ongoing weekly testing of staff + residents who leave • Total of ~129,000 surveillance tests over 8-week period • Rapid Response team deployed when a positive test is found within facility to test all staff & residents (and support staffing needs and cohorting)
Personal Protective Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 200+ NFs added to EMResource system used by hospitals for monitoring PPE needs real-time • All 700+ ALRs being added to EMResource and trained currently • Weekly survey sent to all 1000+ facilities and analyzed by HCPF for EOC to monitor needs
Cohorting & Facility Isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple COVID-only facilities being stood up around the state and will be operational this month • Ongoing cohorting and isolation guidance being provided to facilities
Enforcement & Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,000+ Infection Control surveys and Isolation Plan reviews completed by CDPHE • Driving infection control response and TA within facilities to mitigate spread and outbreaks
Staffing Implementation Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ConnectToCareJobs.com • Partnership with International Medical Relief (IMR)

Surveillance Testing Strategy

- Prioritize Largest Facilities (**regardless of type**)
- All staff and residents at baseline; repeated testing for only staff + residents who leave
- Repeat testing weekly
- Majority of weekly testing is sent via mail/courier with collection done by facility staff (support staff available as needed)
- Contract with CSU to expand lab capacity
- Continue to provide Rapid Response testing as needed
- Current timeline: 8 weeks

Surveillance Testing: Administration

Tiered Testing Administration Options

- #1- Tests mailed to facility with written instructions; testing administered by facility staff
- #2- Tests mailed to facility with virtual training provided testing administered by facility staff
- #3- Tests brought on-site with in-person training and testing support provided with expectation that repeated testing is administered by facility staff
- #4- Tests brought on-site and testing administered by state or local staff

Testing Capacity

Lab Capacity

Goal: 100,000 tests over 8 weeks

- 84% dedicated to surveillance testing (10,500/week)
 - 5% of which is reserved for residents who leave facility (~500/week)
 - ~10,000/week remaining for staff

CSU Testing: 45,000 tests to use over 8 weeks (5,625/week)

Community Testing

Goal: Providing resources to facilities that need it, per our tiered administration options

- Pro-active surveillance testing support
- Outbreak rapid response testing (Apx. 16% or 2,000/week)

Personal Protective Equipment Distribution

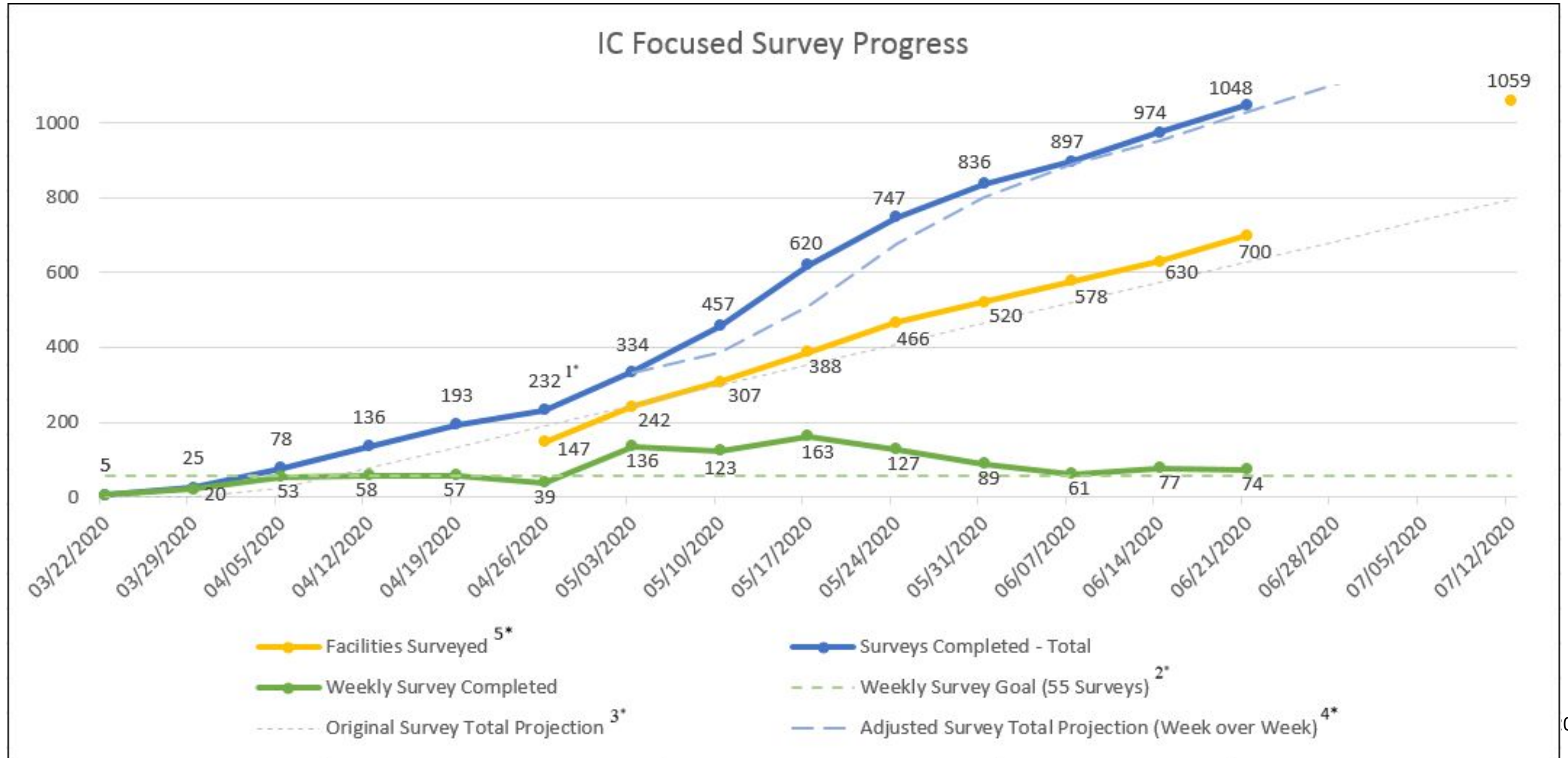
Strike Force Weekly Survey

- Survey distributed weekly to residential care settings to determine PPE needs

EM Resource

- New tool for nursing homes and assisted living residences
- As of 6/23/2020, 103 nursing homes (45%) and 79 ALRs (11%) are utilizing the new tool

Enforcement & Education



ConnectToCareJobs.com

- Site **specifically tailored** for long term care staffing
- Matches **healthcare workers seeking employment** with employers
- Launched first for **nursing facilities, assisted living and residential care facilities**
- **Future capability** for hospitals, home care, direct support professionals, personal care attendants (self-directed), hospice and home health

